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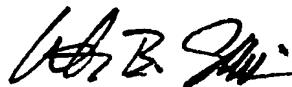
The issues outstanding in the Office Action mailed August 30, 2002, are the obviousness-type double patenting rejection and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 135(b). Reconsideration of these issues, in view of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

The claims in the present application have been significantly reformatted in order to pursue a desired embodiment, which is broader than that of U.S. Patent No. 5,891,360. The claims have not been amended in order to overcome the outstanding rejections, but to direct the subject matter to this desired broader embodiment. However, it is submitted that by doing so, the two outstanding rejections are moot, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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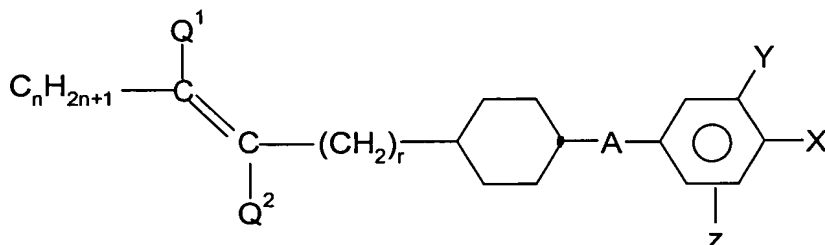
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (Amended) ~~A phenyleyclohexanes~~ phenylcyclohexane of the formula I



in which n is 0 to 7, Q¹ and Q² are H, or one of these radicals is alternatively CH₃, r is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, A is trans-1,4-cyclohexylene, 1,4-phenylene, 3-fluoro-1,4-phenylene or a single bond, X is F, Cl, CF₃, -CN, -OCF₃ or -OCHF₂, and Y and Z are each, independently of one another, H or F, with the proviso that, in the case where A is a single bond, Q¹ = Q² = H and simultaneously X=CN, Y and/or Z are F.

7. (Amended) ~~A Liquid-crystalline~~ liquid-crystalline medium ~~for electrooptical displays~~ having comprising at least two liquid-crystalline oomponents, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one component is a phenylcyclohexane of the formula I according to claim 1.

8. (Amended) ~~An Electrooptical~~ electrooptical display based on a liquid-crystal cell, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the liquid-crystal cell contains a medium according to claim 7.